



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST WEEK

WHEREAS: For more than 60 years, surgical technology has grown to meet the ever-increasing demand for well-educated, highly skilled and versatile surgical technologists. These technologists are entrusted with the critical services of protecting the lives and well-being of patients during surgical procedures; and

WHEREAS: More than 90,000 surgical technologists across the country play important roles on surgical teams committed to providing the highest quality of surgical care for patients; and

WHEREAS: Surgical technologists are responsible for the application of sterile and aseptic techniques, ensuring that equipment functions properly and facilitating safe and effective conduct during invasive surgical procedures. Surgical technologists strive to prevent life-threatening surgical site infections while maximizing patient safety; and

WHEREAS: Certified Surgical technologists graduate from an accredited program and receive certification conferred by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting based upon passage of the national examination; and

WHEREAS: The surgical technologist's motto "Aeger Primo, the patient first" reflects total commitment to patient safety and advocacy; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 17-23, 2017, as SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1st day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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